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Already in 508 the Ostrogothic Army had driven the Burgundians, allies of the Franks, out of formerly Visigothic PROVENCE. The territory between ALPS and the Rhone was subsequently annexed to the Gothic Kingdom of Italy. Theodoric took the acquisition of this region as the occasion to reestablish the Gallic prefecture with its seat in ARLIES. At the same time he announced that PROVENCE had

been freed from the barbarians and had become once again part of the Roman Empire. The term "barbarians", of course, referred not only to the Franks and Burgundians ~~and had become~~ but also to the VISIGOTHIC. This attitude toward his sister-tribe was based on experience and would not be altered by future events.

Fall  
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Only when ARLÉS was relieved in fall of 508 did Ostrogoths and Franks fight each other and then only because the Burgundian besiegers had to be supported by a Frankish contingent. But when in 508 Theodoric's troops marched to Gaul, Clovis himself was no longer in the south. The Frankish king was already busy displaying in Tours and then in PARIS his kingship which equaled that of

Theodore

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Theodoric shifted the court from  
Ravenna to LIGURIAN PAULS  
to be closer to the theater of the  
Gothic War.

508-510

Theodoric intervenes in  
War of Clovis vs Visigoths  
Clovis is checked by Theodoric.

The Lombards had been advancing into the two northern Pannonian provinces. But they probably awaited Theodoric's death before they crossed the Danube in large numbers.

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In Therdric's offensive of 508, the Gothic force captured the GEPIDS who had remained behind in SIRMION, the "former homeland of the Goths."